

MAYOR FRIDAY'S MESSAGE

IMPROVEMENTS FOR NORFOLK ARE RECOMMENDED.

BRUMMUND IS COMMISSIONER

Vote Stands at a Tie and Mayor Gives the Deciding Ballot—E. P. Weatherby for City Attorney—C. F. Haase for Street Commissioner.

The city council met in regular session with Mayor Friday and all councilmen present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The auditing committee reported retiring Treasurer Utter's books as correct and they were turned over to the incoming treasurer, E. J. Schorregge.

The petition of the freeholders on South Fourth street and Lincoln avenue for an extension of the water main was referred to the public works committee. The petition of Mr. Anderson and others for an extension of water mains was referred to the same committee.

The licensed draymen presented a petition requesting that their rights under the ordinance be enforced and that they be given the protection thereby guaranteed. They complain that there are many teamsters doing draying without a license. The matter was referred to the chief of police with instructions to see that the ordinance is enforced and the licenses collected.

O. W. Rish was granted a plumber's license for the municipal year.

Reports of the street commissioner, chief of fire department, police judge, water commissioner and city clerk were referred to the proper committees.

The following bills were allowed:

Chas. Dudley, \$2.00; John Krantz, \$7.50; L. C. Mittelstadt, \$17.28; J. Michaelson, \$4.80; A. C. Ellenwood, 75 cents; Nebraska Telephone company, \$2.25; W. N. Huse, \$2.25; F. Byerly, \$1.00; M. Endres, 70 cents; D. C. Harrington, 25 cents; National Meter Co., \$124.00; Herman Maas, \$26.04; Edwards & Bradford Lumber Co., \$4.38; M. D. Tyler, \$50.00; W. H. Livingston, \$41.00; Emil Klawon, \$6.00; G. M. Farley, \$4.00; F. G. Walters, \$2.00; H. A. Pasewalk, \$12.50; Robert Utter, \$38.00; Anton Buchholz, \$3.00; M. R. Green, \$3.50; C. C. Gow, \$12.50; G. Halverstein, \$50.00; R. L. Lovelace, \$3.00; Edwards & Bradford Lumber Co., \$2.45; M. C. Hazen, \$25.15; August Graul, \$60.00; Oscar Uhle, \$1.35; P. F. Sprecher, \$4.00; J. C. Larkin, \$82.00; D. C. Harrington, 25 cents; John Davenport, 50 cents; M. M. Farley, \$3.00; E. F. Conley, \$49.25; H. L. Spaulding, \$25.00; O. W. Rish, \$15.25; U. S. Dredge, \$5.10; D. C. Harrington, 25 cents; W. N. Huse, \$56.90; Geo. N. Mather, \$17.15; J. W. Ransom, \$90.00; E. A. Bullock, \$3.25; E. A. Bullock, \$60.00; E. A. Bullock, \$7.90; Norfolk Light and Fuel Co., \$64.00; H. H. Luke, \$13.50; John Krantz, \$2.00; W. C. Roland & Co., \$27.50; S. R. McFarland, \$80.35; G. E. Bilger, \$2.00; A. H. Kiesau, \$50.00; J. C. Spellman, \$25.00; Nebraska Telephone Co., \$2.00; Salter Coal & Grain Co., \$11.70; O. B. Walker, \$12.50; W. L. Kern, \$12.50; H. A. Pasewalk, \$9.35; H. A. Pasewalk, \$88.25; S. R. McFarland, \$17.00.

The bills of J. W. Porter and Charles Pilger were referred back for correction, and the bill of M. R. Green was referred to the auditing committee.

The city attorney was instructed to draw up a contract with M. Endres for the construction of cement sidewalks and crossings in accordance with the terms agreed upon as advertised.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the following-described sidewalks: Along lots 7 and 8, block 1, Bear & Mathewson's addition, corner South Eleventh street and Park avenue; along lot 6 block 16, lot 5 block 10, lot 1 block 9, lot 2 block 9, lot 9 block 10, lot 20 block 2, lot 18 block 2, lot 21 block 2, lot 5 block 7, lot 4 block 8, lot 8 block 8, lot 17 block 3, lots 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 5, 2, 1 block 17, in Western Town Lot Co.'s first addition; along lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, block 5, lot 8 block 2, lot 14 block 6, lot 13 block 6, lot 12 block 6, lot 9 block 6, lot 8 block 6, in Dorsey Place, be condemned and that the owners of said lots be required to build new walks within thirty days, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 275.

The annual message of Mayor John Friday was read as follows:

Mayor's Message.
To the Honorable City Council of Norfolk, Nebraska.—Gentlemen: Upon assuming the duties of the office of mayor I ask the hearty co-operation of the entire council to the end that the city affairs will be conducted economically, yet progressively.

We are confronted with several important problems. The expenditures of the city should be carefully guarded. "Corporation gulch" is a very important matter and the city burdened annually with a great expense to keep the same in repairs, and I would suggest to the council that some means be provided for taking care of the water in said gulch properly, and preventing the same from continually flooding Norfolk avenue and other streets, to the great damage of not only adjacent lot owners

but the public at large. Once properly placed in shape, even though the expense be a little large, it would mean a saving to the city in the end. The matter of providing Norfolk avenue from the railroad track to the river, and Fourth street from Norfolk avenue to Madison avenue with cement gutter, needs your serious consideration. Under our present system the many planks and bridges laid and built across the gutter along Norfolk avenue is an eyesore and in my judgment not an inducement for outside parties to invest or locate here. The promiscuous circulating of bills and posters in the streets and alleys should be prevented by proper ordinance, not only to prevent the accumulation of rubbish by reason of it, but also to prevent as much as possible, any accidents caused thereby. Our present police laws are unsatisfactory and the council should promptly correct existing conditions by passing an ordinance providing for an increased salary of police officers and compelling all fees collected for violation of city ordinances to be turned over to the city treasurer for the use and benefit of the city.

Our ordinance relating to water rates and meters needs investigation and revision. Complaints have been filed that the market has other meters besides the one provided for by our present ordinance that are just as good and a great deal cheaper. Everything being equal our water consumers should not be compelled to buy any one certain meter. The water rates also need to be changed. A number of other important matters are necessary for the serious consideration of the council which, from time to time, I will present to the council and hope that all that may be done will be for the best interests of the city.

Respectfully submitted,
John Friday.

John C. Spellman was unanimously elected president of the council for the ensuing year.

Prohibit Slot Machines.
A motion made by Councilman Gow and seconded by Councilman Spellman was to the effect that it was the sense of the mayor and council that no slot or gambling machines be permitted in Norfolk for the ensuing year, and the motion unanimously prevailed.

The mayor appointed E. P. Weatherby to the office of city attorney for the ensuing year and the appointment was unanimously confirmed.

The mayor again presented the name of August Brummund for the position of water commissioner. On the vote to confirm the council stood four for confirmation and four against. The vote resulting in a tie, the mayor cast his vote for the appointment and declared Mr. Brummund appointed water commissioner for the ensuing year. The approval of the new water commissioner's bond was left to the auditing committee, the mayor and the city attorney, and he was to assume the office immediately after the approval of the bond.

On motion it was agreed to hire C. F. Haase as street commissioner for a month providing that if he gave satisfaction he was to continue in the office for the municipal year.

Commissioner Brummund's Office.

Water Commissioner Brummund proposes to have his office at the city building where he will be found by water patrons as soon as he takes charge of the office.

WOULD ARREST PAT CROWE

CHIEF OF POLICE IN OMAHA SAYS HE WILL PAY REWARD.

ON A CHARGE OF ROBBERY

Pat Crowe, Who Has Been Mysteriously Reported About Omaha, is to be Arrested if Found, According to Donohue, and Reward is Out.

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—Special to News: Chief of Police Donohue has announced that he will personally pay a reward for the arrest of Pat Crowe, for whom he holds a warrant charging robbery.

The announcement of the chief followed the statement in Omaha that Pat Crowe would not be arrested if he were found. It had been intimated that there was some reason why Crowe would not be arrested by the Omaha police.

It is also stated authoritatively that Crowe could not be convicted on the Cudahy charge if he were found, and that is why he is wanted now for robbery.

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OPERA HOUSE AT NELIGH

STRUCTURE COSTING \$10,000 TO BE ERECTED.

THE BIG FIREMEN'S PICNIC

Great Preparations Being Made for the Event on the 27th—Plans for Fall Carnival are Already Under Way—Other Neligh Notes.

Neligh, Neb., May 6.—From a staff correspondent: Neligh is going to have a new opera house. All plans for building the new playhouse, which is to cost \$10,000 and to be built by the Odd Fellows, are about completed, and an architect in Omaha is now drawing the designs. The new house will contain a slanting floor, with a club room and banquet hall upstairs. It will be one of the finest lodge buildings in Nebraska and a credit to Neligh. On the committee are Messrs. Jenkins, Brenton, Payne, Coleman and Lytle, all well known business men, whose executive ability assures the success of the undertaking.

Great preparations are being made in Neligh for the big firemen's picnic to be held on May 27, when Chicago & Northwestern railroad firemen expect, with good weather, to bring in something like 600 people on the special trains. Although Saturday will be a bad day for Norfolk business men, it is expected to be a good day for Neligh. Master Girard was here yesterday making arrangements.

Neligh people are also talking of the carnival which they expect to hold next fall, and which they hope to make the same success as heretofore. The track is in good condition and horses are being trained for the season. Messrs. W. H. Johnson, C. W. Braasch and W. O. Hall of Norfolk, all of whom have fine horses here, were here this week to see their favorites go a little.

"We hope Norfolk will succeed in holding the racing meet this summer," said Mr. Kay, the trainer, here today. "It will help the business in many ways."

"The Automatic Threshold company," is the name of a new corporation in Neligh, of which Geo. N. Seymour is president, J. C. Jenkins, secretary and J. B. Lytle superintendent and sole manager. They manufacture a threshold that prevents rain, wind or dust from going through a door. It is a very promising industry.

Boys from O'Neill came down here yesterday and ran against the Neligh baseball boys. A good crowd saw the game and last night the girls from O'Neill played the Neligh girls at basketball.

Auringer & Coleman, marble men, are preparing to ship a carload of marble into Norfolk next week.

The body of Jasper Jasperson, the boy who lost his life in the Elkhorn river near the dam here early this week, has not yet been found, although a portion of a coat which was thought to have been his, was found yesterday. It is now not thought to have been his. It may be the body will never be found, though a wire is stretched across the river to catch it.

Whist Club.

The West Side Whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse Thursday night.

Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. John R. Hays and Mrs. Erskine will entertain the Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church at the home of Mrs. Hays on Thursday afternoon. There will be work to do. The ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

C. F. A. Marquardt was in Stanton yesterday.

H. Stendorff was in town yesterday from Foster.

C. L. Davidson was here yesterday from Newcastle.

Ed. Pleil was in the city on business from Hoskins.

A. F. Johnson was a city visitor yesterday from Dodge.

George Rohde was among those who went to Stanton yesterday.

Banker H. Barnes was in the city today from Battle Creek.

P. E. Wilson of Fullerton had business in Norfolk yesterday.

Geo. C. Stevenson was a city visitor yesterday from Madison.

F. H. Friend of Plainview attended to business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Scholz came down from Pierce this morning.

Mrs. Ora J. Buckmaster of Columbus was a visitor in Norfolk today.

August Brummund took in the Schiller exercises at Stanton yesterday.

Mrs. J. S. Mathewson and mother, Mrs. Johnson, are visiting in Verdigris.

W. F. Friend of Plainview was in the city yesterday with horses that he sold.

L. P. Kerbil and Mrs. Anna Severa and boy were in the city yesterday from Battle Creek.

Mrs. R. E. Howe and son Harry of Randolph are visiting relatives and friends in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Krahn assisted in the celebration of Schiller day at Stanton.

Mrs. Joseph Schwartz and daughter Gretchen went to the Stanton celebration yesterday.

Max Asmus and Miss Josephine Dickover drove to Stanton yesterday to attend the Schiller celebration.

T. J. Cronin, Stasia Cronin, Mary

Cronin and John Regan were in Norfolk yesterday from Platte Center.

L. R. Prichard, the Meadow Grove merchant, was in Norfolk today meeting old friends and attending to business.

A. T. McCann, who has located in Neligh, passed through Norfolk today on his way to Columbus on marble business.

J. D. Larabee and L. Lintcum brought in a herd of 148 cattle today which are to be shipped to Mr. Larabee's ranch on the Rosebud.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klug fell while scuffling with other boys yesterday and broke his leg. The same leg had been broken before and this injury comes as a serious matter for the little fellow.

J. W. Hamilton, a Northwestern conductor at Chadron, has telegraphed the Elks here that William A. Smith, a member of the Norfolk lodge, is no better and that a nurse is needed. One has been telegraphed for at Omaha.

The missionary meeting held at the home of Mrs. John R. Hays last night was a pronounced success. Ladies of the Congregational Aid society invited the Methodist society members to unite with them in the meeting and the program was very much enjoyed.

Mr. Templin, a prosperous farmer from the neighborhood of Reynolds and Miss Martin, a popular Pierce school teacher, were married at the latter place today. Mrs. Andrew Teal and daughter went up from Norfolk this morning to attend the wedding.

Word has been received in Norfolk of the approaching marriage of Miss Edith Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morrow, formerly of this city, to E. J. Denny, formerly with the Nebraska Telephone company here but now located in Washington. Both are well known in Norfolk, where each has many friends.

The graduating class here has changed the date of commencement and will hold their program on Thursday evening, June 1, instead of Friday evening, June 2. This change is made to accommodate the Elks of Norfolk, who are planning a large party and concert for Friday night and who had made such arrangements that it was impossible to change.

Now that the weather has cleared, the locomotive firemen who are planning on the big picnic at Neligh on May 27, hope that an ideal day will be theirs for the outing. Much interest is being shown up and down the line, between the Black Hills and Fremont, in the approaching event. A special train will carry people to the picnic and every feature of amusement possible has been arranged.

Members of the Norfolk fire department are reminded of the regular meeting of that organization tonight, when the new constitution and by-laws are to be considered, and it is expected that every member will be present. The meeting is to be called to order at 8 o'clock sharp and it is important that the members be there at that hour because there will need to be much time spent in considering the new laws, and the earlier the start the sooner will the meeting finish on the work before it.

HANS IS ON TRIAL TODAY

TESTIMONY IN MURDER CASE BEGINS AT AINSWORTH.

JURY WAS SECURED YESTERDAY

Finally the Re-trial of Fred M. Hans Has Come for a Beginning—Four Attorneys Defend Hans and M. F. Harrington is Prosecuting.

Ainsworth, Neb., May 9.—Special to The News: The re-trial of Fred M. Hans, the former Northwestern detective, has at last begun, on the charge of murdering D. O. Luse, a ranchman of this place. The jury was secured late last evening and at 9 o'clock this morning testimony began to be taken in court. Judge Westover is on the bench and M. F. Harrington is prosecuting. Four attorneys are defending Hans.

The case was tried here once and Hans was sentenced for life. The supreme court ordered a new trial. All winter this has been pending. At one time Hans was ill and later it was postponed. A week or so ago Judge Westover set the date for May 8 and yesterday the jury men began to be secured.

Hans had been absent all winter, in Iowa. He has grown a beard and is hardly recognized by old acquaintances. By bringing in witnesses today, the prosecution began to weave out the story of the killing of Luse; and to attempt to show that Hans had a motive. Hans does not deny the killing, but he claims self defense. It is the general belief here that if Hans hadn't killed Luse, Luse would have killed Hans.

Hans was a detective stationed here. The sheriff had a warrant for the arrest of Luse. Hans went to serve it and Luse, according to the defendant, grabbed a gun. Then Hans shot.

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DESTROY COAL AND SHEDS

FIRE AT VERDIGRE BURNS RAILROAD PROPERTY.

INCLUDED EIGHTY TONS OF COAL

Fire at Verdigre Last Night Burned up Ties and Telegraph Poles—Fire Thought to Have Been Started by a Locomotive—Occurred in Evening

Verdigre, Neb., May 8.—Special to The News: Fire at 6 o'clock last night destroyed coal sheds of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at Verdigre, burning eighty tons of coal, a large quantity of railroad ties and a number of telegraph poles. The fire is thought to have been started by a freight engine but it is not known to have been the cause. The exact property loss is unknown, in dollars.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

N. B. Mayes was down from Tilden Saturday.

F. H. Scott was in the city from Stanton.

N. D. Evans was over from Madison yesterday.

F. J. Minor was here yesterday from Fullerton.

E. N. Stuart was over from Madison yesterday.

H. J. Braklow was in the city today from Boone.

L. W. Newham was over from Winside yesterday.

F. S. Gallah was up from Humphrey yesterday.

Fred Lawrence was down from Pierce yesterday.

Mrs. W. Hair was in town yesterday from Madison.

Gideon Braun was in Norfolk yesterday from Wayne.

George Norton was up from West Point Sunday.

F. E. Meilen was a Sunday visitor from Creighton.

George Gilman was in the city from Verdel Saturday.

Leslie Rock was down from Niobrara Saturday.

H. W. Theobald was in Norfolk yesterday from Wayne.

R. S. Cook of Center was a visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

L. R. Harper is in the city today from Newman Grove.

A. A. Weitzel arrived from Spencer on the early train today.

H. J. Backes of Humphrey was in Norfolk over Sunday.

Henry Haase went to Madison this morning on business.

A. W. Samuelson was in Norfolk Saturday from Clarks.

Will Bemon was a Sunday visitor to Norfolk from Wayne.

W. E. Bunnell of Plainview was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.

Frank H. Scott of Stanton had business in Norfolk yesterday.

James Killoran was in the city today on business from Butte.

Fred Shaup and Henry Mahankier were in the city yesterday from Beemer.

S. T. Black and J. C. Morey were down from Pierce yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Stevenson were here this morning from Lynch.

A. J. Van Antwerp of Broken Bow was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

W. F. Lety came in from Creighton on the early train this morning.

H. L. Snyder is preparing to build a new home on South Eighth street.

Mrs. James Gildea went to Sioux City, yesterday morning to visit friends.

Earl Silder has accepted a position as office boy in the Koehler hotel at Grand Island.

Arthur Ahlman is here from Omaha for a visit with his parents and other Norfolk friends.

Mrs. Reinhart is building a new cottage on Ninth street, near the Union Pacific crossing.

Mrs. G. O. Rankin left today for Omaha, where she goes to visit her friend and former schoolmate, Miss Gae Stanton.

George B. Christoph left today for Beatrice, where he goes to attend a meeting of the state examining board of pharmacy.

Miss Lillian Jackson of Omaha has returned to Norfolk to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Culbertson on Madison avenue.

A. H. Winder, who has arrived in Norfolk from a trip to the coast, states that he has located with his family at Boulder, Col., and will make that his home in the future. He likes that city very much.

Max Wilde has accepted a position with the Norfolk National bank, beginning his new duties this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Saunders and son of Center, Knox county, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hamilton of this city. Mr. Saunders is clerk of the district court of Knox county. Mrs. Saunders is a sister of Mr. Hamilton.

Mrs. R. A. Boyles and granddaughter, Miss Floe Boyles, both of Arvo, arrived Saturday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeman. Mrs. Boyles is an aunt of Mrs. Blakeman.

Union Pacific watch inspectors stopped in Norfolk on a trip through the state.

Henry Holyfield is on the night police force, substituting for Night Policeman Wm. Uecker who is on the sick list.

The homes of Messrs. Brueggeman, Light, Miller and Craven on Phillip avenue are now fronting new cement walks that have just been laid. Mr.

Gaylord proposes to finish out the block with brick in front of his property.

Quite a little building boom is on in Park addition, east of the North-fork river. Four new cottages are being built and others are planned. It is expected by the residents of that section of town that in time it will make one of the popular sections for small residences.

C. F. W. Marquardt was the victim of a cleverly perpetrated surprise dinner party, which was executed by Mrs. Marquardt at the Oxnard hotel. Twenty friends were invited without his knowledge. They were seated at a special table in the Oxnard dining room, where they enjoyed a delightful hour.

Showers for tonight and possibly Wednesday, with warmer weather in the east portion tonight and colder again Wednesday is the dismal prospect held forth today by the weather man. With such weather as this, it had been hoped that there might be a warming up, but there is nothing doing in that line today.

Henry Horst of Madison was last evening brought to the insane hospital at this place for treatment. He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Horst and Dr. Smart. During one of the very cold days of last winter he became lost between Madison and Newman Grove and the suffering affected his mind. A special attendant has been employed.

The fire department will meet at the city hall tomorrow night in regular session to consider the new constitution and by-laws that are to be adopted. This is the first time the department has taken up the proposition of new laws since it was organized and there is much interest in the proceedings. A full attendance of members is anticipated.

The body of Jasper Jasperson, who was drowned at Neligh a week ago Sunday, had not yet been recovered this morning. The body will have been in the water nine days with tomorrow and at that time it is said it is likely to rise to the surface and searchers will give their attention to that possibility. It may, however, have become entangled in snags or wires in which event it may not rise at all, and thus never be found.

Much interest is shown in Norfolk regarding the approaching picnic of railway firemen which is to be held in Neligh on May 27. Hundreds of locomotive firemen live in Norfolk and as many of them as can make it possible, intend to be present for the doings. It is the hope of the firemen that General Superintendent Hughes, Superintendent Reynolds and other well known officials and business men may be induced to attend the picnic. It is estimated that more than 600 will arrive in Neligh on the special trains, and if the weather is fine there will be something doing. The firemen are now trying to fix the weather man.

"Hans Hanson," the dialect comedy that played at the Auditorium last night, drew forth a good house and the audience went away well pleased with the show. James T. McAlpin made a good Swede and the audience appreciated his work. Miss Dolly Foster, as "Chick," was also especially clever. Dan Morris, as a tramp, was a very clever specialist. The show carries a band which made good music on Norfolk avenue during the afternoon for an hour, attracting undivided attention from a considerable distance during the entire program. The band members wore high silk hats and black uniforms.

Frenks of the tornado that swept through the country east of Norfolk last week continue to come to light, and it appears to have been of more importance than was at first supposed. At the farm home of Gus. Loehrke, four and a half miles southeast on the Stanton county road, the full strength of the twister was shown. His barn was torn into kindling wood and one of the two-by-sixes which formed the frame of the structure was picked up by the whirling blast and driven with terrific power through his granary, which was not otherwise injured. The house, not far distant from the barn, was untouched. On the same farm good sized box elder trees were jerked up by the roots, but perhaps the mysterious power of the storm was best illustrated by the fact that solid fence posts were broken off close to the ground and the barbed wires were torn from the posts. A wind that can do that with the